IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR:GENE ENCODING PROTEIN CAPABLE OF REGENERATING LUCIFERIN, NOVEL RECOMBINANT DNA, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN CAPABLE OF REGENERATING LUCIFERIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 18 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please replace the original Sequence Listing with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-11 and add the following claims:

12. An isolated polynucleotide, which encodes a protein that regenerates luciferin from oxyluciferin and D-cysteine.